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August 12, 2008

Mr. Steve Warner
Division Operation Manager
AirGas-Mid America, Inc.
440 Industry Drive
Kingsport, TN 37660

RE: Corrective Action Plan Review /Unpermitted Discharge via Storm Drain to Unnamed
Tributary to South Fork Holston River
SOP-79049 AirGas-Mid America, Inc./ No Discharge Permit
Sullivan County

Dear Mr. Warner:

The Division received your letter regarding the above referenced site on August 4, 2008. The Corrective Action Plan (CAP) includes installing a decant tank system to collect the lime slurry produced by the acetylene manufacturing process. This slurry will then be hauled to customers. Results of the review of the CAP are outlined below:

- Due to the fact that this is a change in the wastewater process, this Office has determined that plans and specifications for the decant tank system must be reviewed and approved by the Division prior to implementation. Please forward complete plans and specifications for the decant system with fees to the following address: (Refer to Rule 1200-4-11-02(d)2)
Phil Simmons, Municipal Section
6th Floor L & C Annex
401 Church Street
Nashville, TN 37243-1534
- Please revise CAP to include a compliance schedule for specific events (i.e. Upon approval from the Division, decant system will be let for bid within 30 days of Division approval of decant system. A contract will be finalized within 60 days, and system installed within 120 days of Division approval of plans and specifications.)

Please provide this Office with the decant system plans and specifications and a written plan addressing the compliance schedule within fifteen (15) days of the receipt of this letter.

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If you have any questions, please call me at 423/854-5453.

Sincerely,



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Johnson City Environmental Field Office

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Cc: Phil Simmons, Municipal Section, Nashville
Patrick Parker, Enforcement and Compliance Section, Nashville
Dan Wankel, Storm Water Engineer, City of Kingsport, 225 West Center Street,
Kingsport, TN 37660
Shon Pritchard, Tysinger Hampton & Partners, Inc., P.O. Box 982, Johnson City, TN
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